

## REMARKS

Claims 1 - 17 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 4, 5, and 10 stand rejected.

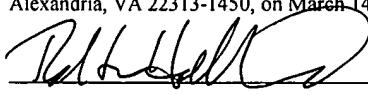
Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that Claims 2, 3, 6 - 9 and 11 - 17 have allowable subject matter. Applicants have amended Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 9, 10 and 12-16, and have canceled Claims 2 and 11. Currently pending Claims 1, 3-10 and 12-17 each have subject matter indicated allowable by the Examiner. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections and allow Claims 1, 3-10 and 12-17.

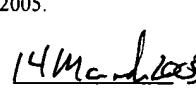
## CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

A check in the amount of \$300.00 is enclosed herewith for the additional independent claim fees. Please charge deposit account 502264 for any underpayment and credit the same for any overpayment.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on March 14, 2005.

  
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